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SUBJ: ANTARCTIC COOPERATION - TRANSFER OF R/V ELTANIN

1. CAPT. TORTI, DIRECTOR ARGENTINE NAVAL HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICE, HAS INFORMED SCICOUN THAT STUDY PREPARED BY NAVAL MATERIAL DIVISION AT HIS REQUEST CONCLUDES THAT ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS FOR R/V ELTANIN WOULD BE \$400,000 FOR REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE AND \$100,000 FOR FUEL, THUS CONSUMING ENTIRE NSF CONTRIBUTION OF \$500,000 ANNUALLY, WITHOUT COST OF PROVISIONS. TORTI STATED THAT ON BASIS THIS RESULT, HE PLANNED TO APPROACH ARGENTINE ANTARCTIC INSTITUTE ONCE AGAIN TO MAKE FIRM FINANCIAL COMMITMENT TO ELTANIN OPERATING COSTS, SINCE HE IS CONCERNED THAT NAVY MAY NOT APPROVE ARRANGEMENT IF IT INVOLVES OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENDITURES BEYOND THOSE CONTEMPLATED.

2. IN RESPONSE TO SCICOUN'S SUGGESTION THAT STUDY RESULTS SEEMED TO BE CONVENIENT TOOL FOR PUTTING PRESSURE ON ANTARCTIC INSTITUTE, TORTI CLAIMED THAT STUDY WAS OBJECTIVE ONE, MADE IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST HE HAD MADE PRIOR TO RECENT DISCUSSIONS OF ARRANGEMENT IN BUENOS AIRES. HE ACKNOWLEDGED, HOWEVER, THAT REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE ESTIMATE OF \$400,000 ANNUALLY HIGHLY SPECULATIVE, AND THAT ACTUAL COSTS WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY VARY

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FROM YEAR TO YEAR IN ACCORD WITH PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED.

3. WHILE NO FURTHER DATA WAS REQUESTED BY TORTI ON THIS  
OCCASION, EMBASSY URGES THAT ACTUAL REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE  
EXPERIENCE AND OTHER COST DATA FOR ELTANIN BE SUMMARIZED,  
AS CONTEMPLATED DURING RECENT DISCUSSIONS, NAD PROVIDED TO  
EMBASSY IN CASE SUCH INFORMATION BECOMES NECESSARY TO MOVE MATTERS  
FORWARD AT THIS END.  
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